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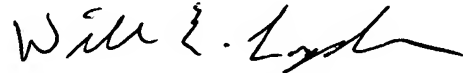
Favorable consideration of the present application and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the present amendment and in view of the following remarks, is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4 are amended only to correct minor informalities, to better conform to standard claim drafting practice, and to remove multiple dependency; and new claims 5-8 are added to set forth the invention in a varying scope. New claim 5 recites features similar to claim 3, but depends on claim 2; and new claims 6-8 each recite features similar to claim 4, but depend on claims 2, 3, and 5, respectively. It is believed no new matter is added by the amendments to claims 1-4 or the addition of new claims 5-8.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the present discussion, this application is believed to be in better form for examination and an early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there should have any questions regarding this supplemental preliminary amendment or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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